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PROCESS OF MAN.

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BRIDGETOWN BRANCH

TIME EXISTENCE OF EARTH. - 1500 MILLION YEARS.

BEFORE EARTH COOLED

ALLOW ANIMAL & PLANT LIFE.

MAN HAS ONLY BEEN IN EXISTENCE.

A FEW THOUSAND YEARS. — DEVELOPEMENTS

STAGES IN SOCIETY. — CHARACTARISTIC CHANGES

TOOK A FEW THOUSAND YEARS

QUOTE ENGELS

4 STAGES.

PRIMITIVE SOCIETY

SLAVE "

FEUDALISM

CAPITALISM

FORTHER - SOCIALISM → COMMUNISM.

PRIMITIVE.

MAN HAD EMERGED FROM. ANIMAL STATE.

DECISIVE ELEMENT IN CHANGING MAN

LABOUR - CONTROL FIRE. — GREW FOOD.

DEVOLOPED TOOLS. —

ENGELS SAYS EVAN THE HAND IS

PRODUCT OF LABOUR (QUOTE.)

FIGHT FOR HOMES NOW!

"It's no use waiting for a house"—That is what Glasgow Tories are telling the 100,000 families on the Corporation waiting lists.

Despite all the Tory humbug about the housing needs in Glasgow, the decision to sell 622 houses at Merrylee, originally built for letting is the most shameless and cynical abandonment of homeless families in favour of the rich and well to do. Of course, the Tories say—Anyone can apply—Applications also will be treated according to need. You can also apply if you have £200 or £300 and can afford the loan and interest repayments of from £2 10/- to £3 per week.

Whilst working class families are breaking their hearts in slum conditions by overcrowding, lives imperilled by dangerous buildings, the rich queue jumpers are to be offered all the housing amenities the Corporation can provide.

The plain fact is that during 1951 less than 20,000 houses have been built in Scotland—more than 6,000 less than in 1950. There will be further cuts in house building, and from the limited accommodation available, less and less houses will be offered for let, and the only chance of permanent accommodation for the 40,000 homeless and the thousands of other families needing homes will be in Forresthall or Bonhill.

Council tenants should also take warning. This decision opens the door to the gradual abolition of housing subsidies—the break up of Council estates and increased opportunities for private landlords and speculative builders to rob the tenants and the certain increase of housing rents.

The Shop Stewards and 5,000 building trades and engineering workers who protested against the outrageous decision of Glagow Corporation have given a lead to every worker in the city. Their call for a further demonstration to the Corporation on Thursday, 20th December, should receive the fullest support.

The Corporation and the Government must be told the people will not tolerate this turning of a blind eye to the people's needs, whilst shamelessly sacrificing the homeless in the interests of the Tory's property owning friends.

The demand must be raised.

Reverse the outrageous decision to sell the houses at Merrylee.

Build only houses to let.

Demand more houses at rents the working class families can afford.

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MAIN FEATURES PRIMITIVE SOCIETY

NO DISTINCTION OF RANK, RACE, OR SEX. EVERYONE WAS A PRODUCER IF THEY DID NOT WORK — DID NOT EAT.

NO CLASS OR SEX DIVISIONS.

PRIMITIVE COMMUNISM ENGELS. IN ORIGIN OF FAMILY SAYS. 3 MAIN STAGES SAVAGERY - BARBARISM - CIVILISATION MAN IS ONLY ANIMAL CONQUERED NATURE (RECENT FLOODS SHOW STILL LEEWAY TO MAKE UP)

ABOVE SYSTEM. LAID BASIS FOR SLAVERY. — MAN HAD CONTROL OVER NATURAL SURROUNDINGS.

TOOLS - MADE ADVANCE ALL MORE SPEEDIER - DEVOLOPE METALS IRON - COPPER - BRONZE.

ARTS + CRAFTS SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPEMENT ALTERED MAN.

TOOK FEW THOUSAND YEARS - ALTER MAN FOOD GATHERER INTO FOOD PRODUCER.

6.000 TO 4.000 B.P. DEVOLOPEMENT TOOK PLACE.

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SLAVE SOCIETY

COLLAPSE PRIMITIVE COMMUNISM.
INCREASING CONTROL OVER NATURE
MEANT — CREATION OF SURPLUS
SEIZURE OF SAME.
DIVISIONS INTO CLASSES.

SIGNIFICANCE OF SLAVE SOCIETY

CREATION OF STATE — ARMY - POLICE - GOVT.
MAIN PURPOSE KEEP SLAVES IN SUBJECTION
ENFORCE INTERNAL ORDER.
PROTECT OUTSIDE AGGRESSORS.

SLAVE SOCIETY EXISTED

EGYPT, BABYLON & ROME
4.000 YEARS

2 REASONS BREAKUP.

1 SLAVERY WAS INEFFICIENT
FORCED TO WORK
ONLY MOST SIMPLE OPERATIONS
HE COULD PERFORM.
AMOUNT PRODUCED STRICTLY
LIMITED.

2 TO INCREASE SURPLUS HAD
TO INCREASE AMOUNT OF SLAVES
WHICH IN TURN MEANT LARGER
ARMY & ADMINISTRATION.
(I.E. No Producers)

4 ROMAN EMPIRE (SPARTACUS)

500 A.D. ATTACKS FROM BARBARIANS
AND INTERNAL DECAY BROUGHT
DOWNFALL

POSITIVE ASPECTS

GREAT DEVOLPMENT.
NAVIGATION. (ROMAN EXCURSIONS)
ART. (CREEK CONTRIBUTION)
ARCHITECTURE
WRITINGS. PHILOSPHY.

ALL BUILT ON LABOUR SLAVE

FEODALISM.

AFTER COLLAPSE ROMAN EMPIRE
FOLLOWED DARK AGES.

NEW FORM SOCIETY
STILL CERTAIN SIMILIAR FEATURES
BETWEEN SLAVERY + FEUDALISM.
SERFS STILL EXPLOITED
LEGAL RIGHTS MUCH GREATER SLAVES
NOT

(A) DID OWN HIS TOOLS,
(B) HOLD SMALL AMOUNT OF LAND
WHICH HE COULD WORK HIMSELF.

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FEUDAL LORDS

SERF FORCED TO WORK ON LORDS
LAND ESTATE TWO & THREE DAYS PER. WK.
PAY RENT IN FORM OF FOOD & CLOTHING
" TAXES AT WILL
" PERIODIC FINES.
LIKE INHERITING HIS FATHERS LAND
" HIS DAUGHTER MARRYING.
(TOM JOHNSTON.) — (SUTHERLAND CLEARANCES)
GIVE TENTH OF PRODUCE TO CHURCH
SIGNIFICANT GROWTH OF CHURCH
ALONGSIDE STATE (TAUGHT ONEPIENCE)

LORDS USE OF STATE TO FORCE
HIS WILL ON SERFS.

CHANGES TOOK PLACE.
NEW METHODS OF PRODUCTION
INTRODUCED.
GREAT ADVANCES IN SHIPPING
INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN CORN, WOOL,
CLOTH, SPICES ETC.
WIND & WATER POWER
GRINDING CORN — MANUFACTURE CLOTH

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FEUDAL LORDS + KING

DUG OWN GRAVE.
TRIED TO RESTRICT TRADE.
BUT DEVOLPEMENT ONCE STARTED
COULD NOT BE CONTAINED
WITH ADVENT OF NEW MEANS
OF PRODUCTION — I.E STEAM.
ALONGSIDE GROWTH OF NEW CLASS
THE MANUFACTURERS — OR CAPITALIST

ORGANISED REVOLUTION

ENGLAND — 1640 - 1649
FRANCE — 1789. CERTAIN DIFFERENCES
BUT BACKGROUND SAME
GROWING CONTRADICTIONS — RISE OF NEW CLASS
RESTRICTIONS. ATTITUDE OF STATE + CHURCH
WHY THE REFORMATION TOOK PLACE EARLY
PERIOD.

CAPITALISM.

DEVOLOPEMENTS SINCE 17TH CENTURY
SYSTEM DIFFERENT FROM PREDECESORS.
FIRST TIME THE WORKER AS NOW
CALLED FREE SELL HIS LABOUR
TO ANY EMPLOYER HE WISHED
BUT FORCE HAD TO BE USED TO GET
SERFS INTO FACTORYS — ENCLOSURE
(EXPLAIN MADE IT LEGAL CLOSE) ACTS.

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CAPITALISM DOES REPRESENT ADVANCE

SITUATION TODAY.

CAPITALISM CREATES PROLETARIAT
ITS GRAVE DIGGERS.

WORKING-CLASS DEVOLEPMENT.

T.U's + POLITICAL ACTION

GROWTH OF STROGGLE.

PRESENT STAGE

MUST DESTROY CAPITALISM
DESTROY HUMANITY.

HYDROGEN - ATOMS.

BACTERIALOGIL WAR - NAPALM.

SPENDING £1500 MILLION WAR

INSUFFISIENT HOUSING, HEALTH

CAPITALISM + IMPERIALISM

EXPORT OF CAPITAL.

CONTRADICTIONS BETWEEN CAPITALISTS
STATES - STALIN.

EDENS STATEMENT ON FORMOSA.

RISING OF COLONIAL + SEMI-COLONIAL
PEOPLES

FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDANCE

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SOCIALISM

USED TO BE A DREAM.

NOW A REALITY.

SOVIET UNION — CHINA

BULGARIA, HUNGARY, POLAND
CZECHO-SLOVAKIA, RUMANIA, EAST GERMANY
~~LATVIA~~ ALBANIA

FIRST TIME IN HISTORY MAN
COMPLETELY FREE MASTER OF
HIS DESTINY.

ADVANCES IN SOVIET UNION

FROM FEUDAL STATE TO LEADING
INDUSTRIAL COUNTRY NEXT TO U.S.

36 YEARS. — TOOK US OVER 200 YEARS

PROSPECT

5 HR. PAY

DOUBLE WAGES.

ATOMIC ENERGY.

BRITAIN